



UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS
U.S. MARINE CORPS FORCES CENTRAL COMMAND
7115 SOUTH BOUNDARY BOULEVARD
MACDILL AIR FORCE BASE, FLORIDA 33621-5101

IN REPLY REFER TO:

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10 Dec 2018

Mr. Chad Thomas Garland
CMR 469 Box 1301
APO AL 09227

Dear Mr. Garland,

This is our response to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request (DON-USMC-2018-010314) which you submitted to the Department of the Navy FOIA Online website on August 9, 2018. In your request, you asked for "As a member of the news media, I am requesting the following documents in electronic format:

- A copy of the investigation into a February 2018 incident in Syria involving the shooting of Marine Sgt. Cameron Halkovich, which was either conducted by Marine Forces Central Command or a subordinate unit, or was presented to the command following completion.
- Copies of the award packages submitted for the Purple Heart awarded to Cameron Hakovich and the Joint Service Commendation Medal awarded Marine Cpl. Kane Downey pertaining to the same incident.
- Copies of the award certificates for both Marines' awards." For tracking purposes we assigned your request as MARCENT FOIA number 19.18.

On our acknowledgement letter dated 21 Nov 2018, we mentioned that U.S. Central Command made the requested investigation public and was able to be located at <http://www.centcom.mil/MEDIA/PRESS-RELEASES/Press-Release-View/Article/1604466/us-central-command-releases-cjtf-oir-redacted-investigation-findings-from-febru/>.

Your request has been referred to U. S. Central Command (CENTCOM) for search, review, and direct response to you in regards to the Joint Service Commendation Medal awarded to Cpl. Kane Downey. CENTCOM can be contacted at (813) 529-6285 or at centcom.macdill.centcom-hq.mbx.freedom-of-information-act@mail.mil.

Through our efforts we located the copy of the Purple Heart award package that was submitted for Sergeant Cameron Halkovich in which you requested totaling 11 pages. These are included with this letter as enclosure (1). The responsive records were reviewed under the FOIA, 5 U.S.C. § 552, and Secretary of the Navy Instruction 5720.42F. Pursuant to that review, some information has been redacted in accordance with the following FOIA exemptions:

- a. 5 U.S.C. § 552 (b)(1); which requires us to withhold information that is properly classified in the interest of national security pursuant to Executive Order (EO) 13526 "Classified National Security Information" of December 29, 2009. In this case, the following provisions of the EO require non-disclosure of certain information because its unauthorized disclosure could reasonably be expected to cause identifiable or describable damage to the national security:

(1) Section 1.7(e) requires non-disclosure of information when compilations of otherwise unclassified information may be classified if the compiled information reveals an additional association or relationship that: (1) meets classification standards, and (2) is not otherwise revealed in the individual items of information.

b. 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(3); which incorporates into the FOIA certain nondisclosure provisions that are contained in other federal statutes. In this case, 10 U.S.C. § 130 (b) authorizes the Secretary of Defense to withhold from disclosure to the public personally identifying information regarding any member of the armed forces assigned to an overseas unit, a sensitive unit, or a routinely deployable unit.

c. 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(6); which requires us to withhold information about individuals in personnel and medical files and similar files when the disclosure of such information would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy. In this case we have withheld certain personal information, personally identifiable information and the names of individuals named throughout the documents.

As the official responsible for the partial denial of your request, I am advising you of your right to appeal this determination to: **Judge Advocate General of the Navy (Code 14), 1322 Patterson Avenue SE, Suite 3000, Washington Navy Yard, DC 20374-5066**. Your appeal, if any, must be postmarked within 90 calendar days from the date of this letter and should include a copy of your initial request, a copy of this letter, and a statement indicating why you believe your appeal should be granted. I recommend that your appeal and its envelope both bear the notation "Freedom of Information Act Appeal."

If you choose not to appeal, you have the right to seek dispute resolution services from the Marine Corps FOIA Requester Service Center at hqmcfoia@usmc.mil or (703) 614-4008, and/or the Department of the Navy FOIA Public Liaison, Mr. Christopher Julka, at Christopher.a.julka@navy.mil or (703) 697-0031. You may also contact the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS) for assistance and/or dispute resolution at ogis@nara.gov or 1-877-684-6448. For more information online about services provided by OGIS, please visit their website at <https://ogis.archives.gov>.

There no assessable fees associated with the processing of your request. If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Mariely Rivera Garcia, MARCENT FOIA Coordinator, at 813-827-4308 or at mariely.riveragarcia.ctr@usmc.mil.

Sincerely,



T. A. PECINA
Chief of Staff

Encl: 1. Purple Heart Award Package ICO Sgt Halkovich



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IN REPLY REFER TO:
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ADJ
18 Feb 18

From: Commander, U.S. Marine Corps Forces, Central Command
To: (b)(3) USC 1306, (b)(6) /1371 USMC
Via: Commanding Officer, (b)(3) USC 1306, (b)(6)
(b)(3) USC 1306, (b)(6)

Subj: PURPLE HEART MEDAL

Encl: (1) Award Certificate
(2) Decoration Set

1. Forwarded with the utmost sincere thanks for your sacrifice and service to our nation.

2. Your actions were in keeping with the highest traditions of our Corps. Semper Fidelis!

(b)(6)

WYOM. BEYDLER



THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

TO ALL WHO SHALL SEE THESE PRESENTS, GREETING:
THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT
THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
HAS AWARDED THE

PURPLE HEART

ESTABLISHED BY GENERAL GEORGE WASHINGTON
AT NEWBURGH, NEW YORK, AUGUST 7, 1782
TO

(b)(3) USC 1305, (b)(6) [REDACTED] UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS

FOR WOUNDS RECEIVED
IN ACTION

ON 17 FEBRUARY 2018 IN (b)(7)(e)

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND IN THE CITY OF WASHINGTON
THIS 18TH DAY OF FEBRUARY 2018

(b)(6)

W. L. BEYER
Lieutenant General, U.S. Marine Corps
Commander, U.S. Marine Corps Forces, Central Command

Rivera Garcia CTR Mariely

From: (b)(3) USC 130b, (b)(6)
Sent: Wednesday, April 4, 2018 4:26 PM
To: SMB Manpower HQMC Casualty Section
Cc: MARCENTPCR; (b)(3) USC 130b, (b)(6)
Subject: (FOUO) Casualty Report - SUPP - (b)(3) USC 130b, (b)(6) - Incident Date/Time: 2018/02/17 19:00
Attachments: (b)(3) USC 130b, (b)(6) SUPP_4-4-2018.rsf
Signed By: (b)(3) USC 130b, (b)(6)

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***** CASUALTY REPORT *****

Report Type: SUPP

Casualty Type: Hostile

Casualty Status: NSI ILL/INJURY

Casualty Category: Wounded In Action

Report Number: 1C618002C

Personnel Type: Regular

Personnel Affiliation: Active Duty

Personnel Category: Obligated/Voluntary Service

Last Name: (b)(3) USC 130b, (b)(6)

First Name: (b)(3) USC 130b, (b)(6)

Middle Name: (b)(3) USC 130b, (b)(6)

Service: United States Marine Corps

Military Rank: (b)(3) USC 130b, (b)(6)

Military Unit of Assignment: (b)(6), (b)(3) USC 130b, (b)(6)

Date/Time of Incident (New/Old): 20180217/1900

Inflicting Force: Enemy Forces

Circumstance: (b)(3) USC 130b, (b)(6) WAS WALKING NORMAL ROUNDS TO SECURITY OUTPOSTS NEAR A MISSION SUPPORT SITE IN AN UNDISCLOSED LOCATION. AFTER APPROACHING A LOCAL NATIONAL GATE GUARD, THE LOCAL NATIONAL SHOT (b)(3) USC 130b, (b)(6)

Duty Status: Present For Duty

Remarks: THIS IS AN UPDATE AND FINAL PCR. BASED ON CLASSIFIED INVESTIGATION COMPLETED ON 1 MARCH 2018, IT WAS DETERMINED THAT (b)(3) USC 130b, (b)(6) INJURIES WERE THE RESULT OF ENEMY HOSTILE ACTION (b)(3) USC 130b, (b)(6) WAS IN THE LINE OF DUTY AND NOT DUE TO MISCONDUCT. THE POINTS OF CONTACT FOR THIS MATTER ARE (b)(3) USC 130b, (b)(6)

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-----Original Message-----

From: (b)(3) USC 130b, (b)(6)

Sent: Saturday, February 17, 2018 3:56 PM

To: Casualty PCR USMC - INJ_ILL_WIA

Cc: MARCENTSWO; COMUSMARCENT PCR; 51/5 PCR; (b)(3) USC 130b, (b)(6)

(b)(3) USC 130b, (b)(6) SPMAGTF-CENT-SWO; SPMAGTF-CENT-S1; (b)(3) USC 130b, (b)(6)

(b)(3) USC 130b, (b)(6)

Subject: (FOUO) Casualty Report - INIT - (b)(3) USC 130b, (b)(6) Incident Date/Time: 2018/02/17 19:00

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***** CASUALTY REPORT *****

Report Type: INIT

Casualty Type: Hostile

Casualty Status: SI ILL/INJURY

Casualty Category: Wounded In Action

Report Number: 1C618002

Personnel Type: Regular

Personnel Affiliation: Active Duty

Personnel Category: Obligated/Voluntary Service

Last Name: (b)(3) USC 130b, (b)(6)

First Name: (b)(3) USC 130b, (b)(6)

Service: United States Marine Corps

Military Rank: (b)(3) USC 130b, (b)(6)

Military Unit of Assignment: (b)(3) USC 130b, (b)(6)

Date/Time of Incident (New/Old): 20180217/1900

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(b)(6)

Remarks: THIS PCR WAS VERIFIED BY (b)(3) USC 130b, (b)(6)

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THE BATTALION POINT OF CONTACT IS (b)(3) USC 130b, (b)(6) AT

(b)(3) USC 130b, (b)(6)

MEDICAL POINT OF CONTACT IS

(b)(3) USC 130b, (b)(6)

AT

(b)(3) USC 130b, (b)(6)

ON 17 FEBRUARY 2018, THE

(b)(3) USC 130b, (b)(6)

DETERMINED

(b)(3) USC 130b, (b)(6)

STATUS AS SERIOUSLY INJURED. A COPY OF THE TASK FORCE

9.5 INVESTIGATION WILL BE FORWARDED TO THE SPECIAL PURPOSE MARINE AIR GROUND
TASK FORCE - CRISIS RESPONSE - CENTRAL COMMAND UPON COMPLETION. THE VOICE
REPORT FOR THIS CASUALTY REPORT WAS PROVIDED AT 1200Z ON 17 FEBRUARY 2018.
THE RECOMMENDATION FOR FAMILY MEMBERS AT BEDSIDE IS UNDETERMINED AT THIS
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Torres-Guerra 2ndLt Alexis

From: (b)(3) USC 130b, (b)(6)
Sent: Sunday, February 18, 2018 12:44 PM
To: (b)(6) (b)(3) USC 130b, (b)(6)
Subject: FW: ICO (b)(3) USC 130b, (b)(6)
Signed By: (b)(3) USC 130b, (b)(6)

-----Original Message-----

From: (b)(3) USC 130b, (b)(6) On Behalf Of MARCENTSWO
Sent: Sunday, February 18, 2018 12:03 PM
To: (b)(3) USC 130b, (b)(6)
Subject: FW: ICO (b)(3) USC 130b, (b)(6)

FYSA. ~ (b)(3) USC 130b, (b)(6)

From: (b)(3) USC 130b, (b)(6)
Sent: Sunday, February 18, 2018 11:55 AM
To: (b)(3) USC 130b, (b)(6)
Cc: (b)(3) USC 130b, (b)(6)
(b)(3) USC 130b, (b)(6)
(b)(3) USC 130b, (b)(6)
Subject: PH: ICO (b)(3) USC 130b, (b)(6)

(b)(3) USC 130b, (b)(6)

Upfront: Need to get this PH awarded by LtGen Beydler soonest - this has been approved by the Commander.

Below is the PCR and initial notification from BGen Donovan in the form of his 5W's. Still waiting on the OPREP-3 and have asked the MARCENT SWO to reach out to 51/5 to get a copy.

Absent of the OPREP-3 - Would like to processed with the PH this weekend. The Commander would like to sign the Certs and is available this evening and all day on Monday - recommend 0800 Monday.

Once we have his signature will need to scan all documents and send to BGen Donovan and (b)(3) USC 130b, (b)(6) with the MARCENT Commander, SgtMaj, CoS, AC/S G1 and AC/S G3 in the Cc line.

Below are two TEAR lines:

1. PCR
2. 5W's from 51/5 to MARCENT

NOTE: OPREP-3 is now in your SIPR in your Box.

VR/

(b)(3) USC 130b, (b)(6)

--- TEAR ---

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(b)(3) USC 130b, (b)(6)

(b)(3) USC 130b, (b)(6) ON 17 FEBRUARY 2018, THE (b)(3) USC 130b, (b)(6)

(b)(3) USC 130b, (b)(6), DETERMINED (b)(3) USC 130b, (b)(6)

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From: Donovan BGen Francis L [Francis.Donovan@me.usmc.mil]

Sent: Saturday, February 17, 2018 1:11 PM

To: Beydler LtGen William D

Cc: (b)(3) USC 130b, (b)(6)

(b)(3) USC 130b, (b)(6)

(b)(3) USC 130b, (b)(6)

Subject: Fw: CCIR: WIA USMC

Sir,

Just off the phone with (b)(3) USC 130b, (b)(6). He has a Marine WIA at (b)(1)1.7(e) - MEDEVAC underway at this time. Most likely a Green on Blue incident - details coming from (b)(3) USC 130b, (b)(6) in SIPR.

Marine stable - non life threatening ATT.

Just tried a phone call to you.

VR

BGen Donovan

Sent from my BlackBerry 10 smartphone.

Original Message

From: (b)(3) USC 130b, (b)(6)

Sent: Saturday, February 17, 2018 9:40 PM

To: Donovan BGen Francis L

(b)(3) USC 130b, (b)(6)

Subject: CCIR: WIA USMC

Sir,

Need you to call me when you can.

BLUF: Have a Marine WIA at (b)(1)1.7(e). In stable condition. Medevac being worked now.

Will provide you more on SIPR.

Pls call when you can.

R/S

(b)(3) USC 1306, (b)(6)

(b)(3) USC 1306, (b)(6)

Approved for Release